

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1900.

**HUMOR OF THE HOUR.**

It was a neat piece of work, and over the telephone at that. The principals are Detroit men, and only a change of names is required to make true every word of the story. Brown and Black are old friends. During the holidays they met upon numerous festive occasions that did not violate the spirit of the season. One evening Black found that his ready money was not up to his requirements and borrowed \$10 from Brown.

Next morning Black folded a crisp note of the denomination mentioned and sent it to Brown by mail. Last Thursday Brown called Black up by telephone and opened the conversation pleasantly by asking if it would be convenient to pay the \$10.

"Here paid it," came back the reply. "Sent it last month and within 24 hours of the time I borrowed it. Didn't you get it, old man?"

"No, I didn't get it," in a tone that was a little chilly. "Registered letter, postal order or check?"

"Neither. Simply folded the bill and inclosed it."

"Foolish! Very foolish! I never got it."

Then Black's shrewdness came into play. "But there was a return card on the envelope."

"No, there wasn't. Nothing on it but the address."

"I know it. Send me a receipt and include an apology."

"Well, I guess not! What do you take me for? Just—"

"Hold on!" he shouted. "Check says the letter is here. Oversight. Sorry. Goodbye."

Detroit Free Press.

**Her Reason.**

"Why did Mrs. Frizzington, the rich widow who furnished all the money for the business she and you have started, want the name of the firm to be 'Routle & Frizzington' instead of 'Frizzington & Routle,' as it ought to be, seeing that she is much more heavily interested than you?"

"She didn't want to be referred to as 'the senior partner'."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**An Absinthe-minded Beggar.**

"Pick-me-up."

**A Sentiment Approved.**

"Shakespeare" said the enthusiast. "He is indeed the great bard."

"That's right," said the theater manager. "There is no doubt about his being great. And there is also no doubt about his being barred so long as I am running a theater for pecuniary purposes."—Washington Star.

**Good News.**

"Beware!" cried the fortune teller. "Your bitterest enemy will shortly cross your path."

"Hoorsy!" exclaimed the scorch. "I won't do a thing to him."

In a frenzy of joy he gave her an extra dollar.—Philadelphia Press.

**What He Meant.**

"What does he say correspondent mean when he says he went to the summit of a koppe to drink in the scene?"

"I suppose the koppe overlain the lager."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**She Has Faith That He Is Cured.**

Mrs. Hix—'I don't take any stock in these faith cures brought about by the laying on of hands.

Mrs. Dix—Well, I do. I cured my little boy of the cigarette habit in that way.—Chicago News.

**New Form of Lunacy.**

"Ricketts, don't you have fits sometimes?"

"Yes."

"Good! So do I. Let's organize an epilepsy club."—Chicago Tribune.

**"Fifty and My Expenses."**

"What," said one cynic, "is fame?"

"Fame," answered the other, "is what makes you valuable to some book publisher after your death."—Washington Star.

**Apparently He Isn't Going to Run.**

"The colonel has been presented with a new rifle and a brace of pistols."

"So I heard. What office is he going to run for?"—Atlanta Constitution.

**Altogether Well Endowed.**

"What a rich complexion Charlotte has!"

"Yes, and her father is much richer."—Philadelphia North American.

**Elevated.**

Detective—Man was robbed of his purse on "L" train.

Chief—If I! Another highway robbery.—Chicago News.

**An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**

During the early of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold with settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient stage. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyand, Ill. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Drugist.

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**Railroads.**

**Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad**

**Schedule for 1898.**

No. 1.	LV	ARR.	No. 2.
8:00 a.m.	Fredericksburg	8:15 p.m.	White
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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

A Mile of Government Buildings.

The Grand Yosemite Park—A Real Japanese Play.

(Special Correspondence.)

The movement to erect government buildings on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue from the treasury to the capitol has been revived within the last few weeks and meets with general favor among congressmen. Senators and representatives who are obliged to visit the various departments in behalf of constituents find that it takes an immense amount of time and physical labor now, as the buildings are so widely scattered. The plan proposed is for the government to purchase the ground on the entire south side of Pennsylvania avenue and to erect there a continuous chain of magnificent new public buildings. There are several bills before congress providing for the erection of government buildings. Since the new capitol building has been opened this scheme has received many advocates, and if the bill passes for the creation of a new department of commerce and manufactures undoubtedly the new building will be erected on Pennsylvania avenue. It is proposed to give each new building a square by itself, and thus by gradual process the one mile between the treasury and the capitol will become a grand boulevard lined with official palaces.

**The Grand Yosemite Park.**

"There are 53,000 acres of the most beautiful forests ever seen by man within the confines of the Yosemite, General Grant and Sequoia National parks of California," said Representative De Vries of that state. "The trees are magnificent sugar pines, some of them eight and ten feet in diameter. But a large portion of the forest is held by patent in the names of different individuals. We are trying to get authority from congress to allow these owners to relinquish their tracts and to receive therefor scrip, entitling the holder to select other vacant land owned by the government."

"The Yosemite is little understood by the people of the country," explained the Californian. "although it is probably more beautiful than the famed Yellowstone park and is visited each year by quite as many tourists. No year has yet been built to it, but last year I had a bill passed for a commission to inspect the roads and trails in the park and make recommendations for a permanent thoroughfare. That commission has completed its work, and the report is about to be printed by direction of the senate. I shall now ask an appropriation for a good road through the Yosemite."